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<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No. 09/441,656	Applicant(s) STAFFORD ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 21 May 2002 .

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_ .

Claim(s) discussed: 22,30 and 41 .

Identification of prior art discussed: BRENNAN ET AL , PATENT # 5,329,578 .


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.


Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicants' representative proposed amendments to claims 22, 30, and 41, as shown in the facsimile transmission attached to this summary. The representative explained different aspects of the invention as indicated in the proposed claims. Claims as proposed overcome the 35 USC 102 rejection based on the Brennan (USP 5,329,578) reference. An update search will be required to determine the patentability of the proposed claims .

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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**Re: Serial No. 09/441,656**

Dear Examiner Le:

As communicated, attached are amended claims 22, 30 and 41, in draft form, for discussion in the interview scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on May 21, 2002. I will call you and Examiner Hoosain then. Thanks.

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Case 41698.1012

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Group Art Unit 2177

Title Enhanced Directory Assistance Service Providing Individual or Group Directories

**FOR INTERVIEW DISCUSSION ONLY (DO NOT ENTER)**

22. (Twice Amended) A system for maintaining a data source comprising:  
an interface for receiving signals in establishing a communication connection,  
[with an initiator of] the communication connection being initiated by an initiator using a communications apparatus, one or more data elements in the data source which are associated with the initiator being [identified] located based on an identifier [representative of the initiator] in the received signals which identifies the communications apparatus;

a receiver for receiving from the initiator a request for taking an action concerning a selected one of the data elements through the established communication connection, the action being associated with an access right requirement;

a processor for identifying an access right of the initiator concerning the selected data element; and

a device for taking the action when the access right of the initiator meets the access right requirement.

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30. (Amended) A system for maintaining a directory through a directory assistance provider [of directory assistance] comprising:

an interface for receiving from a user a request for taking an action concerning the directory, the user being allocated a level of access to the directory selected from a plurality of access levels, the directory assistance provider being accorded at least the level of access to the directory allocated to the user; and

a processor for determining whether the directory assistance provider is allowed to take the action based on the level of access accorded to the directory assistance provider, the action being initiated by the directory assistance provider if it is determined that the directory assistance provider is allowed to take the action.

41. (Amended) A system for providing a communications service using a database comprising:

an interface for receiving from a user a request for communicating with a desired party;

a first device for searching the database for contact information concerning the desired party to which a communication connection is to be established for the user, the contact information being associated with an access right requirement concerning disclosure of the contact information;

a second device for [initiating a] establishing the communications connection based on the contact information [between the user and the desired party];

a processor for identifying an access right of the user [concerning the contact information]; and

a controller for allowing disclosure of the contact information to the user when the access right of the user satisfies the access right requirement.